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ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE SECURIFIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015

OR

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_

Commission file number: 001-36806

A. Full title of the plan and the address of the plan, if different from that of the issuer named below:

Beneficial Bank Employee Savings and Stock Ownership Plan

B. Name of issuer of the securities held pursuant to the plan and the address of its principal executive office:

Beneficial Bancorp, Inc. 1818 Market Street Philadelphia, PA 19103

# REQUIRED INFORMATION

- 1. Financial Statements.
- 2. Supplementary Information.

Schedule H, line 4i – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) at December 31, 2015

3. Exhibits.

Exhibit 23.1: Consent of KPMG, LLP.

Note: All other schedules required by Section 2520.103-10 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 have been omitted because they are not applicable.

# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Beneficial Bank Employee Savings and Stock Ownership Plan

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KPMG LLP 1601 Market Street Philadelphia, PA 19103

# Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To Participants and Administrator of the Beneficial Bank Employee Savings and Stock Ownership Plan:

We have audited the accompanying statements of net assets available for benefits of the Beneficial Bank Employee Savings and Stock Ownership Plan (the Plan) as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year then ended December 31, 2015. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Plan's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of the Plan as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, and the changes in net assets available for benefits for the year then ended December 31, 2015, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

The supplemental information in the accompanying Schedule H, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) has been subjected to audit procedures performed in conjunction with the audit of the Plan's 2015 financial statements. The supplemental information is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but includes supplemental information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. The supplemental information is the responsibility of the Plan's management. Our audit procedures included determining whether the supplemental information reconciles to the financial statements or the underlying accounting and other records, as applicable, and performing procedures to test the completeness and accuracy of the information presented in the supplemental information. In forming our opinion on the supplemental information, we evaluated whether the supplemental information, including its form and content, is presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. In our opinion, the supplemental information in the accompanying Schedule H, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) as of December 31, 2015 is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the 2015 financial statements as a whole.

KPMG LLP

Philadelphia, PA June 28, 2016

# BENEFICIAL BANK EMPLOYEE SAVINGS AND STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN

STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS DECEMBER 31, 2015 and 2014

ASSETS	2015	2014
Investments - at fair value		
Cash	\$ 409	\$ 1,598,009*
Money market funds	365	3,309
Common stock	66,350,516	32,943,429
Collective trust fund	6,793,728	6,735,445
Mutual funds	29,961,368	29,292,475
Total investments	103,106,386	70,572,667
Employer contributions receivable	_	115,265
Notes receivable from participants	1,420,092	1,286,799
Due from broker for securities purchased	45	della .
Total assets	104,526,523	71,974,731
LIABILITIES		
Loans payable (Note 7)	36,649,431	18,614,967
Due to broker for securities purchased	-	2,406
Total liabilities	36,649,431	18,617,373
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	67,877,092	53,357,358
Adjustment from fair value to contract value for interest in collective trust fund relating to fully benefit-responsive investment contracts	e (33,800)	(92,994)
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	\$67,843,292	\$53,264,364

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

<sup>\*</sup>Balance at December 31, 2014 includes cash from participant accounts held in suspense to purchase stock issued in the stock offering.

# BENEFICIAL BANK EMPLOYEE SAVINGS AND STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

	2015
ADDITIONS TO NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTED TO:	
Investment income:	
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	\$12,934,077
Interest and dividends	1,097,085
Net investment income	14,031,162
Shares purchased (Note 1)	20,153,520
Interest income on notes receivable from participants	39,731
Contributions:	
Participant	2,738,296
Employer	4,231,037
Rollover	211,712
Total contributions	7,181,045
Total additions	41,405,458
DEDUCTIONS FROM NET ASSETS ATTRIBUTED TO:	
Benefits paid to participants	4,421,997
Borrowings to fund the shares purchased (Note 1)	20,153,520
Interest expense – ESOP loans (Note 7)	2,111,981
Administrative expenses	139,032
Total deductions	26,826,530
INCREASE IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS	14,578,928
NET ACCETS AVAILABLE FOR DENEETS	
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS BEGINNING OF YEAR	53,264,364
END OF YEAR	\$67,843,292

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

# BENEFICIAL BANK EMPLOYEE SAVINGS AND STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2015 and 2014

#### 1. DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

The following description of the Beneficial Bank Employee Savings and Stock Ownership Plan, formerly the Beneficial Mutual Savings Bank 401(k) Plan, provides general information only. For a more complete description of the Plan's provisions, participants should refer to the Plan document.

#### General

The Beneficial Bank 401(k) Plan (the "401(k) Plan") was established on August 8, 1985 and amended and restated as of May 11, 2007 for the benefit of Beneficial Bank (the "Company") employees. Effective January 1, 2007, the Company established an employee stock ownership plan ("ESOP") under Sections 409 and 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code (the "Code"). On July 1, 2008, the 401(k) Plan was amended and restated as the Employee Savings and Stock Ownership Plan (the "Plan") to integrate the ESOP with the 401(k) Plan. The integration of the two plans was a tax exempt transaction under the applicable provisions of the Code.

In addition to providing retirement benefits for employees of the Company (including any related company that adopts the Plan) and their beneficiaries, a primary purpose of the Plan is to enable employees to share in the growth and prosperity of the Company and to accumulate capital for their future economic security by acquiring a proprietary interest in the Company. In furtherance of that goal, the employee stock ownership portion of the Plan is designed to invest its assets primarily in common stock issued by Beneficial Bancorp, Inc. (the "Bancorp"), the Company's parent holding company ("Bancorp Stock").

The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA").

The Plan is administered by the Retirement Plan Committee (the "Committee"). The Company appoints the members of the Committee who are responsible to and serve at the discretion of the Company. The Committee has the exclusive right to interpret the Plan, establish rules for administration of the Plan and to decide any and all matters arising in connection with interpretation and administration of the Plan. Certain administrative costs of the Plan are absorbed by the Company.

On January 12, 2015, Beneficial Bancorp, Inc. completed a second-step stock offering and sold 50,383,817 shares of common stock at \$10.00 per share, including 2,015,352 shares purchased by the Plan to be used to fund future contributions into the Plan. On January 12, 2015, the Plan borrowed \$20,153,520 from the Bancorp at a fixed interest rate of 3.25% with a thirty-year term to fund the purchase of 2,015,352 shares. As a result of the second-step conversion, all share information has been subsequently revised to reflect the 1.0999 exchange ratio.

# **Eligibility**

All full time employees become eligible on their respective date of hire. Part time employees may become eligible following the completion of 1,000 hours of service within the 12 month period following their respective hire date.

The Plan includes an automatic enrollment feature that involves the use of a "qualified automatic contribution arrangement" under the applicable sections of ERISA and the Code.

## Contributions

The Plan features a number of employer and employee contributions as described below and also permits rollover contributions.

# Salary Reduction Contribution

Participants may contribute from 1% up to 50% of their compensation (total salary, overtime and bonuses), up to the Code limit on compensation, to the Plan.

# **Basic Contribution**

The Company contributes a basic contribution. The amount of the basic contribution is 2% of a participant's compensation as directed by the participant. Participants must be employed on the last day of the plan year and complete 1,000 hours of service to receive a basic contribution. For 2015 and 2014, the Company contributed 2% of eligible participants' compensation for the basic contribution.

# Matching Contribution

The Company may contribute to each participant eligible for an allocation of such contributions an amount related to the participant's Salary Reduction Contribution. The Company contributes 100% of the first 2% and 50% of the next 4% of each eligible participant's compensation contributed to the Plan as a Salary Reduction Contribution.

#### **Transition Contribution**

For long-term employees that were impacted by freezing the Company's defined benefit plan in 2008, a transition contribution structure was adopted by the Company to run through and including the 2017 Plan year, unless modified by the Company. The Company shall annually contribute an amount as a percentage of the compensation of each active participant who is a full time employee. The percentages range from 8% to 16% based on the ages of qualified participants. Highly Compensated Employees, as defined in the Code, are not eligible to receive Transition Contributions.

# **Profit Sharing Contribution**

Each plan year, in its discretion, the Company may make a profit sharing contribution to the trust. The Company will contribute to the Trustee cash equal to, or Company Stock or other property having an aggregate fair market value equal to, such amount as the Board of Directors of the Company shall determine by resolution. The Company shall not make a contribution in any medium that would be considered a prohibited transaction (for which no exemption is provided) under section 406 of ERISA or section 4975 of the code. A profit sharing contribution of \$832,971 was made in 2015, while no profit sharing contributions were made in 2014.

# **ESOP Contribution**

Under the ESOP feature of the Plan, the Company may make certain required and discretionary contributions. See Note 3 for further description of ESOP contributions.

The participants' and the Company's contributions are subject to annual maximum limits under the Code.

# Vesting

Participants' contributions (including salary reduction, rollover, and transition contributions) and the related earnings are 100% vested at all times. The Company's matching contributions are 100% vested after two years of service. Basic and Profit Sharing Contributions, as well as ESOP contributions, vest as follows:

Years of Service	<u>Vested Percentage</u>
Less than 2	0%
2 to 3	20%
3 to 4	40%
4 to 5	60%
5 to 6	80%
6 or more	100%

## **Participant Accounts**

Each participant's account is credited with an allocation of the participant's and the Company's contributions, related interest, and an allocation of Plan earnings (losses). Allocations are based on participant account balances, as defined in the Plan document. The Plan's ESOP component is designed to invest in Bancorp Stock in order to comply with Section 4975(e)(7) of the Code and Income Tax Regulation 54.4975-11. Upon enrollment in the Plan, participants may direct their contributions in one of the applicable investment options or allocate between the investment options. Participants may change the allocation of contributions or make transfers between the investment options at any time. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account balance.

## **Payment of Benefits**

A participant, upon termination of service for any reason, is eligible to receive the vested interest in his or her account in a lump sum. If such vested interest is greater than \$5,000, then the participant may elect to defer distribution and the assets will generally be held in the Plan until the later of 60 days following (i) the participant attainting age 65, (ii) the tenth anniversary of the year in which the participation began in the Plan, or (iii) the participant's termination of employment date.

A financial hardship withdrawal can be made for an immediate and heavy financial need that, among other things, cannot be satisfied through certain other sources available to the participant.

# **Notes Receivable from Participants**

The Plan permits a participant to borrow from their account a minimum of \$500 up to a maximum of \$50,000 or 50% of their vested account balance, whichever is less. Borrowings generally must be repaid within five years and are secured by a pledge of the participant's account balance and bear interest at rates that range from 3.0% to 8.5% at December 31, 2015. Borrowings are generally repaid through payroll deductions. Notes receivable from participants are stated at their unpaid principal balances plus accrued unpaid interest.

#### **Forfeitures**

The non-vested portion of a terminated participant's account is placed in a separate account and becomes forfeited upon date of termination of employment. Forfeitures of participant's accounts are available to the Company to reduce the Company's contribution. Forfeitures must be allocated to participants' accounts in the following order: (i) matching contribution forfeitures being used to reduce the matching and basic contributions, (ii) profit sharing forfeitures being used to reduce basic and profit sharing contributions, and (iii) ESOP contribution forfeitures allocated to eligible participants' accounts. At December 31, 2015 and 2014, forfeited non-vested accounts totaled \$162,800 and \$113,860 respectively. During the year ended December 31, 2015, forfeitures applied against the basic and transition contributions amounted to \$113,860.

# **Voting Rights**

Each participant or beneficiary shall be entitled to direct the Trustee how to vote the shares allocated to their account. The Trustee shall vote all unallocated shares held by the Plan in the manner that reflects the voting instructions received from participants regarding allocated shares, provided that such votes do not conflict with ERISA or the Trustee's fiduciary duties.

# 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting - The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("U.S. GAAP").

Investment contracts held by a defined contribution plan are required to be reported at fair value. However, contract value is the relevant measurement attribute for that portion of the net assets available for benefits of a defined contribution plan attributable to fully benefit-responsive investment contracts because contract value is the amount participants would receive if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the Plan. The Plan invests in investment contracts through a collective trust fund. The Statement of Net Assets Available for Benefits presents the fair value of the investment contracts held in the collective trust fund as well as the adjustment of the fully benefit-responsive investment contracts from fair value to contract value. The Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits is prepared on a contract value basis.

Use of Estimates - The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires the Plan's management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts of assets, liabilities and changes therein, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

Investments Valuation and Income Recognition - The Plan's investments are reported at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. See Note 10 for a discussion of fair value measurements. Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade date basis. Interest and dividend income is recorded on the accrual basis. Net appreciation in the fair value of investments includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

Payment of Benefits - Benefit payments to participants are recorded upon distribution.

Administrative Expenses - The Company pays the administrative costs of the Plan to the extent they are not paid by the Plan.

**Loan Payable** - The balance of funds borrowed from the Bancorp under the Loan Agreement is recorded as a loan payable. The Loan Agreement is more fully described in Note 3.

New Accounting Standards to be Adopted - In July 2015, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued Accounting Standard Update 2015-12 which will 1) require that fully benefit-responsive investment contracts be measured, presented, and disclosed only at contract value; 2) plans would no longer be required to disclose investments greater than 5% and no longer required to disclose net appreciation or depreciation in fair value of investments by type of investments; and 3) provide a practical expedient to permit plans to measure investments and investment-related accounts as of a month-end date that is closest to the plan's fiscal year-end, when the fiscal period does not coincide with a month end. The new standard will take effect for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2015, with earlier application permitted. The Plan intends to comply with the effective date of this new standard beginning with the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016.

**Subsequent Events** – The Plan evaluated subsequent events for recognition or disclosure through June 28, 2016, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

# 3. ESOP FEATURE

On July 13, 2007, the Plan purchased shares of Bancorp Stock using the proceeds of a borrowing from the Bancorp and holds the stock in a trust established under the Plan. The borrowing and interest is to be repaid over a period of twenty years funded by Company contributions to the trust fund. As discussed in note 1, on January 12, 2015, 2,015,352 shares were purchased by the Plan to be used to fund future contributions into the Plan in conjunction with the second step conversion. In connection with the purchase of the shares during the second-step stock offering, the Plan borrowed \$20.2 million from the Bancorp at a fixed interest rate of 3.25% with a thirty-year term to fund the purchase of 2,015,352 shares. The borrowing and interest is to be repaid over a period of thirty years funded by Company contributions to the trust fund.

Under the ESOP feature of the Plan, the Company is obligated to make contributions in cash to the Plan which equals the amount necessary to enable the Plan to make its regularly scheduled payment of principal and interest due on its term indebtedness to the Bancorp. As the Plan makes each payment of principal and interest, an appropriate percentage of stock is allocated to eligible employees' accounts in accordance with the applicable regulations of the Code and the provisions of the Plan.

The unallocated shares of Bancorp Stock collateralize the loan. The lender, Bancorp, has no rights against the shares once they are allocated under the Plan. Accordingly, the Statement of Net Assets Available for Benefits and the Statement of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits include the assets and liabilities and changes therein pertaining to accounts of employees with rights in allocated stock and stock not yet allocated to employees.

There are two types of ESOP contributions that can be made to the Plan: a Company discretionary contribution amount as determined by the Board of Trustees of the Company and a Company loan repayment contribution.

Each plan year, the Company shall, subject to any regulatory prohibitions, contribute an amount of cash sufficient to enable Pentegra Trust Company (the "Trustee") to make principal and interest payments that become due on its loans. When the Company makes a loan repayment contribution to the Plan, the Trustee repays a portion of the loan and releases a portion of the stock held in a loan suspense account to the accounts of active participants to fund basic, profit sharing, matching and transition contributions. Also, the Company, at its discretion, may make an additional contribution to the Plan not related to the acquisition loans each plan year. A discretionary contribution of \$1,030,624 was made in 2015, while no discretionary contributions were made in 2014.

The Plan's allocated and unallocated assets and liabilities for the years presented are as follows as presented on the Statement of Net Assets Available for Benefits:

# December 31, 2015

,	Allocated		Unallocated		Tot	al
Cash	\$	409	\$	_	\$	409
Common stock	22,04	3,308	44,3	07,208	66,3	50,516
Other investments	36,72	1,661		-	36,7	21,661
Notes receivable from participants	1,42	0,092		-	1,4	20,092
Due from Broker for securities sold		45		-		45
Loans payable		=	(36,64	49,431)	(36,64	9,431)
	\$60,18	5,515	\$7,6	57,777	\$67,8	43,292

# December 31, 2014

	Allocated	Unallocated	Total
Cash	\$ 1,598,009	\$ -	\$ 1,598,009
Common stock	15,390,065	17,553,364	32,943,429
Other investments	35,938,235	109	35,938,235
Employer contributions receivable	115,265	_	115,265
Notes receivable from participants	1,286,799	-	1,286,799
Loan payable	-	(18,614,967)	(18,614,967)
Due to Broker for securities sold	(2,406)		(2,406)
	\$54,325,967	(\$1,061,603)	\$53,264,364

The change in net assets is as follows:

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	Allocated	Unallocated	Total
Net appreciation in fair value of			
investments	\$ 3,024,530	\$9,909,547	\$12,934,077
Interest and dividends	1,097,085	-	1,097,085
Shares purchased	-	20,153,520	20,153,520
Interest income on notes receivable from			
participants	39,731	-	39,731
Contributions	2,950,008	4,231,037	7,181,045
Shares released	3,309,223	(3,309,223)	-
Benefits paid to participants	(4,421,997)	-	(4,421,997)
Borrowings to fund the shares purchased	-	(20, 153, 520)	(20,153,520)
Interest expense	-	(2,111,981)	(2,111,981)
Administrative expenses	(139,032)	_	(139,032)
Net increase in assets	5,859,548	8,719,380	14,578,928
Net assets(deficit), beginning of year	\$54,325,967	(\$1,061,603)	\$53,264,364
Net assets, end of year	\$60,185,515	\$7,657,777	\$67,843,292

The Plan borrowed \$32,247,720 from the Bancorp at a fixed interest rate of 8.25%, in order to purchase 3,546,926 shares of Bancorp Stock on July 13, 2007. The loan balance at December 31, 2015 was \$16,886,409. The loan can be prepaid at any time (in whole or in part) prior to the end of the twenty-year term, subject to certain IRS limits. As of December 31, 2015, 1,375,956 of these shares of Bancorp Stock were unallocated.

Scheduled principal payments on the loan consisted of the following at December 31, 2015:

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The Plan borrowed \$20,153,520 from the Bancorp at a fixed interest rate of 3.25%, in order to purchase 2,015,352 shares of Bancorp Stock on January 12, 2015. The loan balance at December 31, 2015 was \$19,763,022. The loan can be prepaid at any time (in whole or in part) prior to the end of the thirty-year term, subject to certain IRS limits. As of December 31, 2015, 1,950,411 of these shares of Bancorp Stock were unallocated.

Scheduled principal payments on the loan consisted of the following at December 31, 2015:

2016	\$415,492
2017	430,964
2018	445,142
2019	459,787
2020	473,270
Thereafter	<u>17,538,367</u>
	\$19.763.022

# 4. INVESTMENTS

The Plan's investments that represented five percent or more of the Plan's net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2015 and 2014 are as follows:

	2015	2014
Beneficial Bancorp, Inc. Common Stock	\$66,350,516	\$32,943,429
Wells Fargo Stable Value Fund C	6,793,728	6,735,446
T. Rowe Price Blue Chip Growth Fund	6,749,386	6,447,957
Vanguard 500 Index Fund Admiral	4,909,107	5,378,086
American Funds Europacific Growth Fund R6	N/A	3,103,778

During the year ended December 31, 2015, the Plan's investments (including gains and losses on investments bought and sold, as well as held during the year) appreciated in value as follows:

Mutual funds	(\$616,259)
Common stock	13,472,028
Collective trust fund	78,308
Net Appreciation in Fair Value of Investments	\$12,934,077

# 5. PLAN TERMINATION

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to amend, modify, suspend, or discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of Plan termination, partial or complete, affected participants will become 100% vested in their accounts.

# 6. TAX STATUS

The Internal Revenue Service has determined and informed the Company by a letter dated September 19, 2013 that the Plan, subject to certain amendments as required by the Internal Revenue Service, complies with applicable sections of the Code. Although the Plan has been amended since that date, the Committee believes that the Plan is currently designed and being operated in compliance with applicable requirements of the Code.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require Plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the Internal Revenue Service. The Plan administrator has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan and has concluded that as of December 31, 2015, there are no uncertain positions taken, or expected to be taken, that would require recognition of a liability or disclosure in the financial statements. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress. The Plan administrator believes it is no longer subject to income tax examinations for years prior to 2012.

#### 7. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Certain Plan investments consist of shares of Bancorp Stock, shares of mutual funds and balances in money market funds that are managed by the Trustee and the Company. In addition, the Plan issues loans to participants, which are secured by the balances in the participants' accounts. Therefore, related transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions. The Plan maintains two loans with the Bancorp that had a combined balance of \$36,649,431 at December 31, 2015. Please refer to Note 3 for further information.

At December 31, 2015 and 2014, the Plan held 4,981,270 shares and 2,953,095 shares, respectively, of Bancorp Stock, with a fair value of \$66,350,516 and \$32,943,429, respectively.

# 8. ADMINISTRATION OF PLAN ASSETS

The Plan's assets are held by Reliance Trust Company (the "Custodian").

Company contributions are managed by the Trustee, which invests cash received, interest, and dividend income and processes distributions to participants. The Trustee also administers the payment of interest and principal on the loan payable, which is reimbursed to the Trustee through contributions as determined by the Company. Administrative expenses for the Trustee's fees are paid directly by the Company.

Certain administrative functions are performed by officers or employees of the Company. No such officer or employee receives compensation from the Plan.

# 9. RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The Plan invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market, concentration and credit risks. As of December, 31, 2015, 64.4% of the Plan's investment securities consisted of shares of Bancorp Stock. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least

reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the Statement of Net Assets Available for Benefits.

## 10. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

The Plan measures on a recurring basis its investments at fair value in accordance with FASB codification "Fair Value Measurement," which provides the framework for measuring fair value. That framework provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuations techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs. The three levels of fair value hierarchy are as follows:

Level 1 - Inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

Level 2 - Inputs are quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in an active market, quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not active, inputs other than quoted prices that are observable, and market-corroborated inputs which are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data.

Level 3 - Inputs are derived from valuation techniques in which one or more significant inputs or value drivers are unobservable. Examples of valuation methodologies that result in Level 3 classification include option pricing models, discounted cash flows, and other similar techniques.

The asset's or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques used need to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used at December 31, 2015 and 2014.

#### Level 1 Fair Value Measurements

The fair values of money market and mutual funds are based on quoted net asset values of the shares held by the Plan at year-end. The fair values of common stocks are valued at the closing price reported in the active market on which the individual securities are traded.

# Level 2 Fair Value Measurements

The fair value of the collective trust fund is based upon significant observable inputs, although is not based upon quoted market prices in an active market. The collective trust fund is valued as a practical expedient utilizing the net asset valuation. The practical expedient is used for valuation, unless it is probable that the Plan will sell a portion of the investment at an amount different from the net asset valuation. The collective trust fund invests in investment contracts and security-backed contracts. A security backed contract has similar characteristics as a traditional investment contact and is comprised of two parts: the first part is

fixed-income security or portfolio of fixed-income securities; the second part is a contract value guarantee (wrapper) provided by a third party. The underlying investments of the collective trust fund consist primarily of Level 2 inputs, consisting of inputs either directly or indirectly observable for substantially the full term of the asset through corroboration with observable market data. The Plan's investment in the collective trust fund is not subject to any withdrawal restrictions and distributions may be taken at any time. The Plan has no unfunded commitments relating to the collective trust fund at December 31, 2015.

# Level 3 Fair Value Measurements

The Plan does not hold any Level 3 investments.

The preceding methods may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of future net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, while the Plan believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

There were no changes between Levels 2 and 3 during 2015. The following tables set forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's investments at fair value as of December 31:

	2015									
	Fair Value Measurement Using:									
	Total Fair Value		Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)		Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)		Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)			
Money market funds	\$	365 409	\$	365 409	\$	-	\$	-		
Cash Collective trust fund	6,7	6,793,728				409	6,793,728			-
Mutual funds: Equity funds Fixed income funds	25,985,967 3,975,401		25,985,967 3,975,401		-			-		
Common stock	66,3	350,516 106,386	66,3	50,516	\$6,79	3,728	\$	-		

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	P	Fair Value Measurement Using:				
	Total Fair Value	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)		
Money market funds Cash Collective trust fund	\$ 3,309 1,598,009 6,735,445	\$ 3,309 1,598,009	\$ - 6,735,445	\$ - -		
Mutual funds:     Equity funds     Fixed income funds Common stock	25,621,611 3,670,864 32,943,429	25,621,611 3,670,864 32,943,429	=			
	<u>\$70,572,667</u>	\$63,837,222	<u>\$6,735,445</u>	\$ -		

# 11. RECONCILIATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO FORM 5500

A reconciliation of net assets available for benefits according to the financial statements consists of the following as of December 31, 2015:

Net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	\$67,843,292
Adjustment from fair value to contract value for interest in collective trust fund relating to fully benefit-responsive	
investment contracts	33,800_
Net assets available for benefits per the Form 5500	\$67,877,092

A reconciliation of the increase in net assets available for benefits according to the financial statements consists of the following for the year ended December 31, 2015:

Increase in net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	\$14,578,928
Adjustment from fair value to contract value for interest in collective trust fund relating to fully benefit-responsive investment contracts - 2015	33,800
Adjustment from fair value to contract value for interest in collective trust fund relating to fully benefit-responsive investment contracts - 2014	(92,994)
Increase in net assets available for benefits per the Form 5500	\$14,519,734

A reconciliation of net assets available for benefits according to the financial statements consists of the following as of December 31, 2014:

Net assets available for benefits per the financial statements	\$53,264,364
Adjustment from fair value to contract value for interest in collective trust fund relating to fully benefit-responsive	
investment contracts	92,994
Net assets available for benefits per the Form 5500	\$53,357,358

# SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

BENEFICIAL BANK
EMPLOYEE SAVINGS AND STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN
EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 23-0400690

PLAN NUMBER: 002

FORM 5500, SCHEDULE H, PART IV, ITEM 4i SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)

DECEMBER 31, 2015

(a)	(b)	(c)		(d) **	(e) Current
	Identity of Issue	Description of Investment		Cost	<u>Value</u>
	Wells Fargo	Collective Trust Fund - Stable Value Fund C		N/A	\$ 6,793,728
	American Funds	EuroPacific Growth Fund R6		N/A	2,997,105
	American Beacon	Large Cap Value Fund		N/A	1,572,676
	DFA	US Small Cap Portfolio		N/A	2,327,395
	T. Rowe Price	Blue Chip Growth Fund		N/A	6,749,386
	Vanguard	500 Index Admiral		NA	4,909,107
	Vanguard	REIT Index Fund ADM		N/A	78,790
	Vanguard	Mid-Cap Index Fund		N/A	2,091,982
	Vanguard	Total Bond Market Index Admiral		N/A	2,236,750
	Vanguard	Target Retirement Income Inv		N/A	1,738,651
	Vanguard	Target Retirement 2010 Fund		NA	19,457
	Vanguard	Target Retirement 2015 Fund		N/A	864,173
	Vanguard	Target Retirement 2020 Fund		N/A	1,633,978
	Vanguard	Target Retirement 2025 Fund		N/A	505,459
	Vanguard	Target Retirement 2030 Fund		N/A	632,379
	Vanguard	Target Retirement 2035 Fund		N/A	402,918
	Vanguard	Target Retirement 2040 Fund		N/A	455,942
	Vanguard	Target Retirement 2045 Fund		N/A	231,096
	Vanguard	Target Retirement 2050 Fund		N/A	260,842
	Vanguard	Target Retirement 2055 Fund		NA	253,282
		Total Mutual Funds			 36,755,096
*	Beneficial Bancorp Inc.	Common Stock - participant directed		N/A	22,043,308
*	Beneficial Bancorp Inc.	Common Stock - unallocated	\$	32,013,939	44,307,208
*	Beneficial Bancorp Inc.				409
*	Beneficial Bancorp Inc.				45
*	Participant Loans	Loans to participants with rates between 3.00%-8.50	0%		1,420,092
	Federated	Money Market Fund - Government Obligation Fund			365
		,			67,771,427
					\$ 104,526,523

<sup>\*</sup> Indicates party-in-interest to the Plan.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Historical cost has not been presented since all investments, except unallocated common stock, are participant directed.

# **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the trustees (or other persons who administer the employee benefit plan) have duly caused this Annual Report to be signed on the Plan's behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: <u>@/38//</u>\$-

Beneficial Bank Employee Savings and Stock Ownership Plan

Ву

Cecile Colonna Plan Administrator

# Exhibit 23.1 Consent of KPMG, LLP

# Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

The Board of Directors Beneficial Bancorp, Inc.:

We consent to the incorporation by reference in the registration statements no. 333-152116 and 333-144749 on Form S-8 of Beneficial Bancorp, Inc. of our report dated June 28, 2016 with respect to the statements of net assets available for benefits of the Beneficial Bank Employee Savings and Stock Ownership Plan as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, and the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, and the supplemental Schedule H, Line 4i – Schedule of Assets (Held at Year End) as of December 31, 2015, which report appears in the December 31, 2015 Annual Report on Form 11-K of the Beneficial Bank Employee Savings and Stock Ownership Plan.

KPMG LLP

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania June 28, 2016